(*a*) whether Mr. K. S. Narayana Aiyar, Moral Instructor to the convicts in the Central Prison, has been made a non-official visitor of that institution; and

(*b*) whether he continues to receive any remuneration from the Prison Department in the capacity of Moral Instructor?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The answer is in the affirmative in each case.

*Manufacture of Ink by the Department of Industries.*

63. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state how far the attempts made to manufacture soluble fluid ink, ink powder and ink tablets by the Department of Industries have been successful?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): The Department of Industries has made blue black ink of good quality. Work on ink powder and ink tablets will be started soon.

*Sale of Immoveable Properties under the Revenue Recovery Regulation in 1100.*

64. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received "a clear report" from the Land Revenue Commissioner concerning the abnormal increase in the sale of immoveable properties for the realisation of land tax in the year 1100; and, if so, will they be pleased to lay it on the table?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. A copy* of the report is laid on the table.

*Commutation of Tax on Kandukrishi Lands.*

65. **MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state what progress has been made towards the commutation of *kist* in kind into money with regard to *Kandukrishi* lands since the last pronouncement of the Government on the subject?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): Out of the paddy collections from *Kandukrishi* lands more than 50 per cent. is now used in kind for supply of rice to Palaces, and for payments of family pensions, *jenmibhogam, arthapalisa, tiruppuvaram*, etc. The Government are in correspondence with the Land Revenue Commissioner in regard to the arrangements to be made for the satisfaction of these claims in the event of payment in kind in respect of *kandukrishi* lands being abolished. His final report has not yet been received.

*Commutation of Kist on Kandukrishi Lands.*

66. **MR. K. K. THOMAS** (*Kottayam*): With regard to the question of altering the system of payment of *Kandukrishi pattom* in kind, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the action taken by them since the reply to the motion thereon printed at page 294 of Volume VII of the Legislative Council Proceedings;

* *Vide* Appendix I—pages 151 and 152.

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[Mr. K. K. Thomas.]

(*b*) if any enquiry has been made since then, the result of such enquiry; and

(*c*) if they find any difficulties, what those difficulties are?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer given to interpellation No. 65 by Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai.

*Statement, by Castes, of Proverthikars in the State.*

67. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, caste by caste, of the *Proverthikars* in the State?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): A statement† containing the information is laid on the table.

**MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): May I know the number of *Proverthikars* appointed during the last five years?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): I am not ready with those figures now.

**MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): May I know whether there were applications from Eazhavas, Mahomedans, Roman Catholics and others?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): I am not in a position to say that definitely now.

**MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): The list is so prepared that certain communities are not included in it. May I know why?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): We have shown information on all heads and, if any further information is wanted, it will be called for.

**MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): In the caste-war statement asked for, information is given regarding the appointment of Brahmins, Christians and other castes. May I know why Ezhavas and Mahomedans are not included?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): In the statement furnished, the existing *Proverthikars* in the service have been classified into groups, and put under respective communities.

**MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): So, am I to understand that there are no Mahomedan and Ezhava *Proverthikars*?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): I am not able to say that now.

*Police Inspector, Paravur.*

68. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the sanction of the Government was requested by several persons in Paravur for making the Police Inspector there a defendant in some criminal cases filed in the Magistrates' Courts at Quilon?

† *Vide* Appendix II—page 152.

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